

Table 7.18. Number of applications for oil and gas leases received by federal agencies^a from 1929 to 2004. (Data obtained from U.S. Bureau of Land Management LR2000 Lands and Records database).

| State | Number of leases | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|--------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| | Authorized | | Pending | | Rejected | | Withdrawn | | Total |
| Wyoming | 50,852 | | 606 | | 61 | | 1,098 | | 52,617 |
| Arizona | 128 | | 7 | | 0 | | 0 | | 135 |
| California | 1,510 | | 134 | | 4 | | 104 | | 1,752 |
| Colorado | 13,498 | | 308 | | 8 | | 102 | | 13,916 |
| Idaho | 16 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 16 |
| Montana | 10,180 | | 1,360 | | 4 | | 48 | | 11,592 |
| New Mexico | 25,695 | | 140 | | 4 | | 84 | | 25,923 |
| Nevada | 2,272 | | 201 | | 20 | | 8 | | 2,501 |
| Oregon | 73 | | 9 | | 0 | | 0 | | 82 |
| Washington | 500 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 500 |
| Utah | 8,475 | | 362 | | 2 | | 42 | | 8,881 |
| South Dakota | 467 | | 100 | | 0 | | 2 | | 569 |
| North Dakota | 3,568 | | 440 | | 0 | | 4 | | 4,012 |
| Total (%) | 117,234 | (95.7) | 3,667 | (3.0) | 103 | (0.1) | 1,492 | (1.2) | 122,496 |

^aPrior to 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey was the approval authority for applications for permit to drill. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management was authorized to provide input into the decision process in 1972 and became the approving authority in 1982 following a merger with the Minerals Management Service.